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To the Bideford Town Council.

MR. MAYOR, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting herewith my Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1950.

I am pleased to state the district continues to hold its own as a Health Resort as will be seen from the General Statistics given in the several Tables.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

ELLIS PEARSON.

JUNE, 1951.

Annual Report.

General Statistics.

Area (Statute Acres)	4,068
Population (1931) Census	9744
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population, 1949	10,270
Number of Inhabited Houses	3,053
Rateable Value	£68,672
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (approximate)	£275

Vital Statistics.

Live Births	Legitimate—Males 75 Females 66 Illegitimate—Males 4 Females 4	149
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		14.11
Still Births	Legitimate Males—2 Females 1 Illegitimate Males — Females 1	4
Still Births, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		26.15
Deaths—Males 69, Females, 83		152
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population		14.8
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	Puerperal Sepsis Other Puerperal Causes	—
Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		—
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—		
All Infants per 1,000 live births (1 death)		26.15
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		26.15
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births		Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		28
,, Measles (all ages)		—
,, Whooping Cough (all ages)		1
,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		—

Legislation in Force.

ADOPTIVE PUBLIC GENERAL ACTS.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890	...	15th June, 1893
Private Street Works Act, 1892	... ..	
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 :—		
Parts 2 (except Sec. 29), Parts 3, 4 and 6		
Parts 7 (except Secs. 82, 84, 85 and 86).		
Parts 8, 9 and Part 10 (except Sec. 94)		April, 1909
Public Health Act, 1925, Part 5	... ..	26th January, 1926
Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933		
applied to Sheep, Ewes, Wethers, Rams and		
Lambs (as regards old area)	... ..	1st February, 1934
Ditto (as regards Borough as extended)	... ..	1st July, 1935

Byelaws.

With respect to markets	... ..	16th February, 1882
With respect to the Driving of Cattle	... ..	5th March, 1888
With respect to the Obstruction of Foot Pas- sengers	... ..	8th August, 1892
For the Navigation of the River Torridge with- in the Harbour of Bideford	... ..	4th July, 1894
With respect to the Lighting of Vehicles	... ..	11th November, 1899
With respect to the disturbance of persons assembled in public buildings, shooting galleries, round-a-bouts, etc., street music and bad language	... ..	25th June, 1900
Prohibiting Spitting in Public Places	... ..	31st January, 1911
With respect to the Victoria Park Pleasure Ground	... ..	18th January, 1913
With respect to New Streets & Buildings	... ..	10th July, 1928 and 1st August, 1939
With respect to the Management of the Public Cemetery	... ..	18th August, 1930 and 1st June, 1947
Regulating the use of Motor Boats within the Harbour	... ..	17th August, 1931
With respect to the Public Slaughterhouse	... ..	15th March, 1932

Relating to Violent Behaviour on Elementary School Premises	20th February, 1933
With respect to the Fouling of Footpaths by Dogs	17th August, 1935
For the Regulation of Advertisements	3rd December, 1936
With respect to the Decent Conduct of Persons using Public Sanitary Conveniences	1st April, 1937
With respect to :—	
(1) Nuisances contrary to Public Decency	
(2) Deposit of litter to the Detriment of Public Amenities	
(3) Wireless, Loudspeakers, Gramophones, etc.	1st February, 1937
For securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in con- nection with the handling, wrapping and Delivery of Food	15th November, 1950

Regulations.

With Respect to the Supply of Water	1893 and 1st September, 1939
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TABLE I.
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED													TOTAL DEATHS										Cases admitted to Hospital
	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 and over	Total	Under 1 Year	1 and under 2 Years	2 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and over	Total		
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	1	1	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	5	—	
Measles	—	8	14	14	14	39	1	—	—	—	—	—	90	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Whooping Cough	3	4	3	6	4	14	—	—	1	—	—	—	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	

TABLE II.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1950 AND PREVIOUS 5 YEARS

Years	Estimated population for Year	Births.		Nett Deaths belong- ing to the District.		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
		Nett				Under 1 year of age		At all Ages	
		Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000 population				
1945	10000	153	15.3	154	15.4	11	71.89	154	15.4
1946	9860	185	18.76	160	16.22	9	48.64	160	16.22
1947	9823	202	20.56	168	17.1	10	49.5	168	17.1
1948	10360	169	16.31	118	11.38	7	41.42	118	11.38
1949	10260	170	16.56	152	14.81	1	5.88	152	14.81
1950	10270	149	14.41	152	14.8	4	26.15	152	14.8

CAUSES OF AND AC

	Nett deaths at the s with									
	All Ages		Under 1 year		1 and under 2 years		2 and under 5 years		5 and under 15 years	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coronary disease, angina	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hypertension with heart disease	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other heart diseases	15	19	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other circulatory diseases	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	2	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Bronchitis	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suicide	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	69	83	1	3	—	1	1	2	—	—

ained ages of "Residents" whether occurring
or without the District.

TABLE IV.—OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.		Notified	Treated		Vision not Impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths
			At home	In hospital				
NIL			NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

TABLE V.—TUBERCULOSIS.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES.						DEATHS.		
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	1	—	2	—	2	—	2	—	—
45—55	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1	6	—	—	3	3	—	—	—

TABLE VI.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 to 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Whooping cough	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Congenital malformation.....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Cardiac failure	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	2	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	4

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL.

MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour of submitting to you my twenty-sixth Annual Report, which deals with the work carried out during the year ended December 31st, 1950.

Sanitation.

The Tabulated Summary shows the work that has been carried out under the Public Health Acts, and the Housing Acts 1925, 1930, 1935, and 1936.

Number of Houses inspected	317
Number of Preliminary Notices served under Public Health Acts	19
Number of Statutory Notices served under Public Health Acts	2
Number of Preliminary Notices served under Housing Acts	1
Number of Statutory Notices served under Housing Acts	—
Number of Notices served under Section 19, Housing Act, 1930, of time and place at which question of making a Demolition Order would be considered	—
Number of Demolition Orders made under Section 19, Housing Act, 1930	—
Number of Houses demolished	—
Number of Closing Orders made of part of a Building under Housing Act, 1930	—
Number of Notices served under Factory and Workshops Act	2

The chief defects that have been dealt with are :--

Roofs of Dwelling houses repaired	3
Roofs of Outbuildings repaired	1
Floors repaired	3
Plastering and Treatment of Damp Walls	3
Drains cleared	14
Defective drains removed and pipes relaid	6
Manholes provided on Drains	1
New W.C. pans fitted	2
Flushing Cisterns fitted	3
Cooking stoves put into usable condition	1
Interior plastering repaired	4
Exterior plastering repaired	1
Smoke nuisance from Factory.....	1

HOUSES.

Number of New Houses completed and occupied during the Year.

(1) By the Town Council	28
(2) By Private Enterprise	12

40

Council Houses.

The twenty-eight houses built by the Council were on the Barton Tors, East the Water.

The number of persons moved into these houses were Sixty six Adults and Sixty children.

The tenants were selected from applicants who are in real need of accommodation. The Housing Committee carefully consider the applications and the selection is "sieved" out on a "Points System," the chief items considered being (a) Overcrowding. (b) No Separate accommodation. (c) Number of children. (d) Serious Illness. (e) Conditions that are injurious to health.

There is still a long waiting list of families who need separate accommodation or who need more commodious accommodation for a growing family and the present rate of building is not fast enough to reduce this persistent demand for houses.

Infectious Diseases and Infection.

The following cases of Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year :—

Scarlet Fever	19
Pneumonia	4
Measles	90
Whooping Cough	35
Diphtheria	1
Tuberculosis	7
Acute Polio-meylitis	6

Twenty-seven patients were removed for treatment at the North Devon Isolation Hospital.

A "Manlove" Steam Disinfector is available at the North Devon Isolation Hospital.

Number of houses disinfected for :—

Notifiable Infectious Diseases	20
Tuberculosis	4
Other Infectious Diseases	5
Verminous conditions	6

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

PART I. OF THE ACT.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	51	48	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	32	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	18	28	—	—

2. Defects Found.

Particulars	Number of Defects.			Number of cases in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (Section 1)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Overcrowding (Section 2)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (Section 3)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (Section 4)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6)	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
Sanitary — Insufficient	1	1	.....	Nil
Conveniences — unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	.....	.....
Not separate for sexes	1	1	.....	Nil
Other Offences	Nil	Nil	.....	Nil
TOTAL	2	2	.....	.....

Part VIII of the Act. OUTWORK. (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel— Making, &c	72	—	—	—	—	—

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply of the Town is obtained from two sources, namely Jennetts Reservoir and Gammaton Reservoir. To augment the supply from Jennetts a pumping station was installed at Edge Mill to pump water from the Yeo—Duntz stream into the Jennetts Reservoir. This supply should now be sufficient to obviate any curtailment of water for domestic purposes even during a long dry period.

Eight samples of water were taken at various points along the supply line from Jennetts Reservoir and sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter for Bacteriological Examination. Six samples were of Class 1 of the Ministry of Health's classification for piped supplies. Two samples fell below this standard, but the latest samples taken were Class 1.

Nineteen samples were taken from various points on the Gammaton supply and sent for Bacteriological Examination. Nine of these samples were of "raw" water which were sent for examination to test the quality of the water from some of the springs that run into the reservoir. The other ten were samples of water that had been filtered and chlorinated. Three of these fell below the standard, but various adjustments were taken to overcome this and the seven other samples were Class 1 of the Ministry of Health's classification for piped supplies.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Houses found to be infested :—

Council Houses		Nil.	Other Houses		3
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These were minor infestations in old houses, and the treatment of a series of spraying with insecticide proved effective.

FLIES.

The surface of the Refuse Tips was treated with "Tip Dressing" to prevent the breeding of flies and other insects.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

The Annual Inspection of the sewers in the Town was carried out and Maintenance Inspections are periodically done. The sewers were free from rats throughout most of the lengths, but where rats were found, poison was put down to destroy them.

The Refuse Tips were frequently treated by pre-baiting and poisoned baits to exterminate rats, and this was generally successful.

Nineteen dwelling houses were dealt with by trapping and poisoning to rid the premises of small infestations of rats.

Seven dwelling houses were dealt with by trapping and poisoning to rid the premises of mice.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Public Abattoir.

The Ministry of Food took over the use of the Council's Public Abattoir in January, 1940. The slaughtering of animals, the dressing of the carcasses, the inspection of the meat and the allocation to the various butchers in the area comprising Bideford Borough, Bideford Rural District, Northam Urban District, Great Torrington Borough and Torrington Rural District is all done at this Central Depot.

During the year 12414 animals were slaughtered and dressed at the Public Abattoir and 136 carcasses were sent in already "dressed."

Emergency Slaughter.

During the year 21 bullocks, 156 cows, 142 calves, 605 sheep and 118 pigs were sent to the Abattoir for emergency slaughter.

Dressed Carcasses.

There were brought to the Abattoir the "dressed" carcasses of 4 cows, 4 calves, 108 sheep and 20 pigs.

These dressed carcasses were of animals that had been slaughtered and dressed at farms, as the animals, because of injury or some other emergency, had been unable to travel to the abattoir.

The examination of all the carcasses that pass through the slaughterhouse takes considerable time, especially those which come under the headings Emergency Slaughter and Dressed Carcasses. These carcasses require detailed examination to ascertain why the animals had been slaughtered and to determine whether the carcasses were fit for human consumption.

Stunning. In compliance with Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, all animals that are killed in the slaughterhouse are rendered insensible to pain by means of a mechanically operated instrument.

The following Tables give a summary of the work carried out :—

TABLE A. Gives details of the animals killed and the number of carcasses or organs condemned, also showing percentages of the carcasses affected, differentiating between

1—All diseases except Tuberculosis.

2—Tuberculosis only.

TABLE B. Gives the weight of the Meat and Offal condemned and the causes of condemnation.

TABLE C. Shows the amount of "Other Foodstuffs" condemned and the reasons for condemnation.

TABLE A.
Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

The following Table is as suggested by the Ministry of Health.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number of Animals killed	1001	536	2684	7849	344
Number brought in dressed	—	4	4	108	20
Number inspected	1001	540	2688	7957	364
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcasses con- demned	5	68	34	133	20
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	936	122	54	1970	69
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	94.	35.18	3.27	26.42	24.45
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses con- demned	7	80	2	—	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	14	262	—	—	6
Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.09	63.3	.06	—	3.57

Date	Description	Amount	Balance	Remarks
1890	Jan 1	100.00	100.00	Opening Balance
1890	Jan 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for rent
1890	Feb 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Feb 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for wages
1890	Mar 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for rent
1890	Mar 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Apr 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for wages
1890	Apr 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for rent
1890	May 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for groceries
1890	May 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for wages
1890	Jun 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for rent
1890	Jun 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Jul 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for wages
1890	Jul 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for rent
1890	Aug 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Aug 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for wages
1890	Sep 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for rent
1890	Sep 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Oct 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for wages
1890	Oct 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for rent
1890	Nov 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for groceries
1890	Nov 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for wages
1890	Dec 1	25.00	25.00	Paid for rent
1890	Dec 15	75.00	75.00	Paid for groceries
1891	Jan 1	100.00	100.00	Paid for wages
1891	Jan 15	50.00	50.00	Paid for rent

TABLE B. SUMMARY OF FOOD CONDEMNATIONS WITH CAUSE OF CONDEMNATION AND WEIGHT.

Food Stuffs Condemned	Cause of Condemnation	Carcases	Pt. Carcases	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Beef	Tuberculosis	87	—	21	7	0	9	51	9	3	10
Beef Offal	do.	—	276	3	18	0	26				
Beef	Other Causes	73	—	15	3	0	21				
Beef	do.	—	26	1	13	0	12				
Beef Offal	do.	—	1032	9	8	0	26	1	6	0	13
Veal	Tuberculosis	2	—	—	1	0	0				
Veal	Other Causes	34	—	1	2	0	10				
Veal	do.	—	6	—	—	1	12				
Veal Offal	do.	—	48	—	2	2	19	1	18	1	4
Pork	Tuberculosis	7	—	—	11	0	6				
Pork	do.	—	6	—	1	3	10				
Pork	Other causes	20	—	1	0	2	27				
Pork	do.	—	12	—	1	1	5	1	18	1	4
Pork Offal	do.	—	57	—	3	1	12				
Mutton	Inflammation	46	—	1	8	0	16				
Do.	Emaciation	29	—	—	10	1	12				
Do.	Pleurisy	12	—	—	8	0	20	7	7	3	25
Do.	Do.	—	24	—	2	3	24				
Do.	Haemorrhage	12	—	—	7	1	25				
Do.	do.	—	3	—	—	—	23				
Do.	Abscesses	8	—	—	5	1	22	62	2	0	24
Do.	do.	—	8	—	—	2	25				
Do.	Injuries	8	—	—	3	3	23				
Do.	do.	—	17	—	1	3	16				
Do.	Greenness	6	—	—	4	2	5	7	7	3	25
Do.	Rheumatism	6	—	—	1	1	18				
Do.	do.	—	3	—	—	—	24				
Do.	Jaundice	2	—	—	1	0	5				
Do.	Septicaemia	2	—	—	—	3	15	7	7	3	25
Do.	Peritonitis	2	—	—	1	0	13				
Do.	Dropsical condition	—	5	—	—	1	18				
Do.	Bone taint	—	1	—	—	—	14				
Mutton Offal	Distoma Hepatium	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	3	25
	Cysts and Congestion	—	1909	3	8	3	15				
								7	7	3	25
								62	2	0	24

TABLE C. OTHER FOOD STUFFS.

Foodstuffs Condemned	Cause of Condemnation	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
218 Tins of Meat	Tins blown or decomposition		4	3	21	9
173 Tins of Vegetables	do.		2	1	19	10
56 Tins of Fish	do.			2	2	4
273 Tins of milk	Tins blown or punctured		2	1	20	12
263 Tins of Fruit	do.		4	1	3	3
56 Tins of Jam	do.			3	21	8
16 Tins of Marmalade	do.			1	10	0
4 Tins of Syrup	do.				7	0
32 Tins of Soup	do.			1	3	3
3 Tins of Tomato Juice	do.				2	8
16 Bottles of Plums	Fermentation				26	0
38 Bottles of Sauce	Fermentation and metal tops corroded with rust				15	8
94 Jars of Pickles	Metal tops corroded with rust and con- tents fermented and sour			2	11	4
20 Jars of Salad Cream	Fermentation, discoloration and corrosion of metal tops				8	12
2 Jars of Honey	Jars broken & glass splinters in contents				1	0
72 Packets of Chocolate Powder	Damp, mould and caked condition of contents				9	0
74 Packets of Cake Decorations	do.				18	8
1 Box of Raisins	Mould and fermentation			1	2	0
Part Box of Sausages	Mould and decomposition			1	9	8
1 Carton of Ground Almonds	Carton damaged, contaminated with red colouring matter and contents damp			1	0	0
1 Box of Skate	Decomposition			2	17	8
1 Box of Herrings	do.			2	0	0
2 Kegs of Fish Bait	do.			3	0	0
1 Bale of Salt Cod	Contaminated by paraffin		1	0	0	0
Pieces of cheese	Excessive mould				15	0
Parts of Frozen Mutton	Dirty condition of flesh			1	9	0
Parts of Frozen Lamb	Bone Taint and internal abscess				16	0
Parts of Frozen Beef	Bone taint and dirty condition of flesh		5	1	1	0
Total		1	7	0	19	9

Butchers' Shops.

The ten butchers' shops in the Town are kept in good condition and all comply with the requirements of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, in that they are provided with moveable glass fronts. The butchers' shops in the Butchers' Row are under a covered Market Place.

Milk Supply.

Several of the Producer Retailers have given up their Retail Trade and are now producing and selling the milk wholesale to the two Milk Depots in Bideford. Both these depots have large retail businesses.

Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 and 1938.

The two Milk Depots in the Town have a dealers licence authorising the use of 'Tuberculin Tested' for bottling of Tuberculin Tested Milk. This milk is obtained from farms where Tuberculin Tested herds are kept.

One Depot has a licence for the use of the special designation "Pasteurised" in relation to the milk treated by the Pasteurising process.

The "Holder" Method is employed for Pasteurisation.

I am, Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

J. ACKLAND.

